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ABERYSTWYTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Alderman H. C. Owen

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To The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of
Aberystwyth Borough Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year which ended on the 31 December, 1965.

The number of live births registered during the year was one hundred and twenty six, representing a decrease of seventeen from the figure for the previous year. There were three registered stillbirths, two babies died during the first week of life and another two died before the end of the fourth week of life. One infant was registered as having died after the end of the first four weeks of life and before reaching the first birthday. No woman died as a result of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

The number of registered deaths was one hundred and forty, a decrease of five from the figure for the previous year. Fifty people died of heart disease, twenty four of cancer and twenty of 'stroke'.

There were no unusual outbreaks of infectious disease during 1965. Three new cases of tuberculosis were notified, but no one died of the disease.

A more detailed account of the work of the Public Health Department, including a portion by the Chief Public Health Inspector, will be found in the following pages.

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At Faer, Henaduriaid ac Aelodau o
Gyngor Bwrdeisdref Aberystwyth.

RHAGAIR

Pleser imi yw cyflwyno Adroddiad Blynyddol yr Adran Iechyd
Cyhoeddus am y flwyddyn a orffenodd ar 31 Rhagfyr, 1965.

Cafodd cant dau ddeg a chwech a anwyd yn fyw eu cofrestru yn ystod
y flwyddyn, yn cynrychioli un-deg-saith yn llai na'r flwyddyn cynt.
Cofrestrwyd tri yn farw-anedig bu farw dau faban yn eu wythnos cyntaf
a bu farw dau arall yn ychwanegol cyn diwedd y bedwaredd wythnos.
Cofrestrwyd un baban fel marwolaeth rhwng diwedd y mis cyntaf a
dechrau'r ail flwyddyn. Ni bu farw un fenyw am ei bod yn feichiog,
nac wrth eni plentyn neu wrth erthylu.

Cofrestrwyd cant-pedwar-deg o farwolaethau, pump yn llai na'r
flwyddyn cynt. Bu farw hanner-cant o glefyd y galon, pedwar-ar-hugain
o'r cancr ac ugain o'r strôc.

Ni bu clefydau heintus anarferol yn ystod 1965. Nodwyd tri
digwyddiad newydd o'r ddarfodedigaeth yn ystod y flwyddyn, ond bu farw
neb o'r clefyd hwn.

Rhoddir cyfrif manylach o waith yr Adran Iechyd Cyhoeddus,
yn cynnwys rhan â baratowyd gan y Prif Archwiliwr Iechyd Cyhoeddus,
yn y tudalennau canlynol.

VITAL STATISTICS

1963

1964

1965

1. LIVEBIRTHS

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	143	143	126
						Leg:	..	..	135	134	118
						Illeg:	..	..	8	9	8
Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	..	..	..	..	..				13.8	14.4	12.7
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	..				11.9	12.4	12.2
Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..				18.2	18.5	18.1
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births									5.6	6.3	6.3

2. STILLBIRTHS

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
						Leg:	..	..	1	2	3
						Illeg:	..	..	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..				6.9	13.8	23.3
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths England & Wales									17.2	16.3	15.8

3. TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS 144 145 129

4. PERI-NATAL DEATHS (Stillbirths plus early neo-natal deaths)

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	5
						Leg:	..	..	2	3	5
						Illeg:	..	..	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..				13.9	20.7	38.8

5. EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS (deaths under one week)

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
						Leg:	..	..	1	1	2
						Illeg:	..	..	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..				7.0	7.0	15.9

6. NEO-NATAL DEATHS (deaths under four weeks)

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	3
						Leg:	..	..	0	1	2
						Illeg:	..	..	0	0	1
Rate per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..				0	7.0	23.8

7. INFANT DEATHS (total deaths under one year)

Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
						Leg:	..	..	3	1	3
						Illeg:	..	..	0	0	1

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
7. <u>INFANT DEATHS (CONT'D.)</u>			
Rate per 1,000 total live births	21.0	7.0	31.7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	22.2	7.5	25.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	125.0

8. <u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (including abortion)			
Number of deaths	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	0	0	0

DEATHS

Total	136	145	140
Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	13.1	14.5	14.1
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	11.4	12.6	12.7
Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	12.2	11.3	11.5

Area comparability factor for births	0.86	0.96	0.96
Area comparability factor for deaths	0.87	0.91	0.90

POPULATION STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	1,141
Population (Census 1961).....	10,427
Population (Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Population for 1965)....	9,920

CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Registrar General's Code Number</u>		<u>Number of deaths</u>		
	<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	2	2
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	-	6
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	5	13
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	13	20
18	Coronary disease, angina	22	12	34
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	3	4
20	Other heart disease	6	6	12
21	Other circulatory disease	2	5	7
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	4	10	14
24	Bronchitis	3	-	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	4
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	5	10
33	Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
34	All other accidents	-	2	2
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL:		70	70	140

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary)	..	..	..					Nil
Encephalitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Food poisoning	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Measles	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	34
Meningococcal meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Paratyphoid fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Salmonella	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pneumonia (acute primary & acute influenzal)	..							1
Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Relapsing fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Scarlet fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Smallpox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	2	-
65 +	-	1	-	-
TOTAL:	-	1	2	-

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

One person was admitted to hospital under this Order.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

IN THE AREA

These remain essentially the same as in previous years and are under the control of the County Council.

W. J. St. E-G. RHYS
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	1,141
Population (Census 1961)	10,427
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year Estimate, 1965)	9,920
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1965	£395,665
Sum represented by a penny rate, 1965/66	£1,558

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Number of various premises at 1st April, 1966

Domestic

Houses and Flats (other than Agricultural dwelling houses)	2,899
Agricultural dwelling houses	2

Commercial

Shops with private dwelling accommodation .. .	114
Shops (including Banks in shopping areas) and Cafes .	153
Offices (including Banks in office areas)	80
Public Houses (including Beerhouses	22
Hotels and Boarding Houses	30
Holiday Camps and Caravan Fields	1
Warehouses, Stores and Workshops	102
Garages (Commercial) Petrol Filling Stations & Car Parks	27
Lock-up Garages	330
Markets	2
Advertising Stations and Signs	15
Factories, Mills and other premises of a similar character	11

Entertainment and Recreational

Cinemas	3
Sports and Recreation Grounds, Golf Courses	5
Social Clubs, Community Centres and Public Halls	20
Other places of entertainment and recreation	3

Public Utility

Water, Gas, Electricity, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Other transport (including depots)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Educational and Cultural

Libraries, Museums	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Schools and Colleges (Local Authority)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Schools and Colleges (Non-Local Authority)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
University Colleges	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Miscellaneous

Crown Occupations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Hospitals, clinics	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Cemeteries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Town Hall and Municipal Offices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Properties not otherwise classified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56

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Enforcement

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	176
Matters referred to other Departments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108
Complaints not justified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Preliminary Notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Informal Notices complied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Number of formal notices served requiring the execution of works under Public Health Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices under Public Health Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Number of houses demolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Number of Closing Orders made	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Number of houses inspected (Public Health Act and Housing Act)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Number of houses re-inspected (Public Health Act and Housing Act)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48

Inspections

Food and Drugs Acts

Food premises

Milk Regulations, Dairies, Milkshop & Purveyors, visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Ice-cream premises and vehicles (inspection & sampling)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Restaurant and food preparing premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	109
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Greengrocers and Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Railway depot re food	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Food vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
General inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119
Food inspection visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102

Food Hygiene Regulations

Premises inspected and re-inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
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Pests Act, 1949

Premises surveyed, inspected and re-inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,049
Premises treated and retreated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	709
Block control schemes carried out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

Tents, Vans and Sheds

Holiday Camp visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Caravan visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6

Clean Air

Smoke observation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

General inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
Accidents investigated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

SUMMARY OF WORK EXECUTED.

Premises.

Dirty or verminous conditions remedied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Nuisances, including noise, from animals or birds abated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Yard paving provided, renewed or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Chimneys repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Roofs renewed or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Accumulations removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Chutes, downpipes or gutters renewed or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Dampness remedied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Walls repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Inside plastering repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Ceilings repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Doors or frames renewed or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Floors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Under floor ventilators provided	14
Staircases repaired	2
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	12
Rooms, passages and staircases redecorated	21
Cookers repaired, renewed or, provided	2
Boundary fences repaired	13

Drainage

Drains inspected	41
Drains tested, water	18
Drains tested, smoke	2
Drains re-laid or repaired	16
Drains cleansed	23
Inspection chambers repaired	4
Soil pipes or vent shafts fixed or repaired	6
Waste pipes provided or repaired	4
Sinks provided, renewed or repaired	2
Lavatory basins renewed or repaired	1
Lavatory basins provided	2
Baths renewed or repaired	1
Gullies provided, replaced or repaired	7
Draining boards provided	6

Water Closets

W.C.'s reconstructed or repaired	7
Pans provided or repaired	6
Miscellaneous repairs	16

Services

Water pipes renewed or repaired	2
Hot water systems provided	1
Hot water systems renewed or repaired	1
Taps repaired or renewed	2

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Factories

Power :-	Bakehouses	12
	Laundries	4
	Miscellaneous	13
Non Power :-	Miscellaneous	6

Schools

Kitchens, visits	3
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Other classifications

Number of Council dwellings visited and re-visited . ..	192
Number of visits re housing applications	102
Visits for infectious disease	26
Disinfections	9
Owners or Contractors interviewed	72
Cinemas and Amusement Places .. .	5
Public Houses and Licensed Premises	52
Water supply and sampling visits	190
Refuse tips	15
Accumulations	7
Sewers	34
Drains and drainage	109
Public conveniences	17
Cesspools	16
Flooding	6
Swine, other animals and birds	2
Disinfestations	21
Attested Mart visits	74
Markets and stalls	11
Swimming Baths and Pools (visits and sampling)	14
Ditches and watercourses	3
Visits not classified	13
Dangerous structures referred to Borough Surveyor	3

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WATER SUPPLY

Quality.

The water supply is obtained from the Cardiganshire Water Board and the quality throughout the year was satisfactory.

Quantity.

There was no water shortage during the summer months despite the considerable increase in population which arose from summer visitors and the increase in the number of students at the University College.

Samples

Sample results were as follows :-

Number of samples taken	=	168
"Satisfactory"	=	166
"Insufficiently Chlorinated"	=	2

The two unsatisfactory samples were retaken immediately and proved to be satisfactory.

Plumbo-solvency

The considerable use of copper and plastic pipes in building work has almost eliminated the use of lead pipes.

Contamination

There has been no evidence of contamination throughout the year.

Supply to dwellings.

		<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Mains supply direct to dwellings	..	3,046	9,990

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MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

There are 30 registered distributors as follows :-

Milk Shops	..	11
Roundsmen only	..	19

The bulk of milk supply in the Borough is obtained from one wholesale dairy and is distributed by retailer roundsmen.

The milk obtained from the largest supplier is pasteurised. A small quantity is farm bottled and is not pasteurised. There is also a little milk in cartons and this is slowly increasing as the public is becoming accustomed to packaging.

Brucella abortus

25 samples were taken from suppliers of raw milk and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen for examination. 8 were initially satisfactory and 17 gave a positive initial reaction but further testing proved that these 17 samples too were satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food inspection.

Food premises have been inspected and considerable quantities of food inspected both on the premises and at the office. The quantity of food varies considerably, but it is greater during the summer months when the catering business expands.

Condemnations

Fresh and canned meat products	..	..	2,672 lbs.
Fish, wet	..	..	435 lbs.
Canned and Miscellaneous condemned	..	..	3,951 lbs.
Total foodstuffs condemned	..	..	7,058 lbs.

Disposal of condemned foodstuffs.

Tin cans are punctured and buried at the refuse tip, other goods are destroyed by incineration, but this method of destruction is limited as the number of solid fuel boilers is decreasing and no special incinerator is available for the process.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

Premises inspected and re-inspected	=	52
Preliminary Notices served to remedy conditions	=	5
Verbal notices to attend to matters		18
Preliminary Notices complied	=	5

ICE-CREAM

There are forty-four registered distributors in the Borough, most of these selling nationally known products in pre-packed form. There are still two concerns making ice-cream for consumption on the premises or elsewhere, and there has been a tendency towards soft ice-cream in consumable wafers or cones. Soft ice-cream does lend itself to more chances of contamination and increased sampling will be required.

33 samples were taken with the following results :-

Grade 1	=	30
Grade 2	=	3

The majority of samples were soft ice-cream.

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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

The International Sanitary Regulations, (World Health Regulations No. 2) to which Great Britain is a signatory power, require the certification of international vaccination and inoculation documents for persons living within the Borough and proceeding to overseas destinations. 133 certificates were authenticated in the prescribed manner for this purpose.

Stocks of Cholera and Smallpox Certificates are maintained in the Department and can be authenticated at any time in an emergency.

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FACTORIES ACTS, 1947 -1961

There are 56 factories registered in the Borough, 52 are power operated and 4 non-power. Responsibility for the supervision of power operated factories is vested in the Ministry of Labour and National Service, except for the provision of sanitary accommodation. In the non-power factories the Local Authority is responsible for matters concerned with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, drainage of floors and sanitation.

The Factory Inspector of the Ministry notifies the existence of building operations and works of engineering construction in order that the Council may enforce the requirements of Section 7 of the Act, relating to sanitary conveniences on those sites or places of work, and in this connection eight communications were received. It should be noted that the provision of sanitary accommodation for persons employed on building or engineering works, or indeed on any new project, is essential.

(See Appendix 1)

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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The brief table below is an indication of the number of premises so far registered and the inspections which have been started. Many matters and contraventions appear which need persistent pressure to remedy.

Premises registered

Offices	93
Retail Shops	141
Wholesale/Warehouses	12
Catering establishments	35
Fuel storage depots	5
<u>Total</u>	286

Persons employed

Males	669
Females	947
<u>Total</u>	1,616

General inspections ..	38
Notices served	18
Notices complied ..	12
Accidents investigated	4

Close contact is maintained and periodic meetings are held with the Deputy Inspector of Factories for Wales, Cardiff, and matters of common interest discussed and settled concerning this rather complicated Act which covers many borderline responsibilities.

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection, together with other salvage and disposal, is under the control of the Borough Surveyor. Domestic and trade refuse are normally collected once weekly, but in certain cases more frequent collections are arranged.

The refuse is tipped at Felinymor, and soil from the site is used for covering.

An increase in the number of proper refuse bins has been noted, but there are still many improvised containers in use and the question of enforcing the use of proper bins may have to be considered, as appeals appear to have had little result. A few refuse bins with rubber covers, and still fewer with rubber bases, are in use and where provided they have reduced noise to the benefit of the immediate locality. Some encouragement of this tendency is worthwhile.

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LICENSED VICTUALLING AND CLUBS

Inspections are made annually in these premises and a fairly high standard has been achieved.

However, the continuous growth in business has resulted in consumer facilities being extended to the limit without sufficient toilet accommodation to match, and the development of these old premises has in many cases reached its maximum, so that further extension can only be achieved by demolition and re-building, or very extensive reconstruction.

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SWIMMING BATH AND PADDLING POOL

The only swimming bath in the Borough is owned by the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and its use is restricted to Students, College Staff and families, and during term time this facility is extended to cover pupils of the local Grammar School, Secondary Modern School and the College of Further Education. The standard of maintenance and cleanliness is very high.

The Council owns a paddling pool on the Promenade and this is mechanically filled with sea water and emptied by gravity. The pool is very popular with children and refilled daily with sea-water. Although the pool is chlorinated every time it is refilled, difficulty arises in maintaining this condition as the intensity of use, especially during the peak season, soon destroys the chlorination. In such shallow water subjected to continuous use by toddlers who to make matters worse sometimes wear napkins under their bathing clothing.

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SEWERAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

Thirty-seven dwellings are not connected to the public sewers.

The co-operation of the Aberaeron Rural District Council which permits its special vehicle to empty cesspools in the Borough on a repayment basis is acknowledged and it provides a very necessary facility.

Antaron Avenue and Penyranchor areas are still not connected to the sewerage system and in those localities lie most of the cesspools requiring regular service.

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HOUSING

Private construction numbered 20 dwellings, and no new Council dwellings were completed. The housing demand shows an increase on the previous year from 284 to a total of 341 applications. As will be seen in the table below about 80% of these were in respect of couples or those with one child. This figure is nearly constant.

There were 89 new applications compared with 82 in the previous year, and arising from these, accommodation is required for 165 persons,

Some 23 new lettings were effected from the Housing List, accommodation being provided for 84 persons. Transfers were arranged for 16 families, comprising 52 persons, in pursuance of the maximum use of housing accommodation. In addition 1 mutual exchange involving 6 persons was effected. Thus 142 persons in all were provided with housing accommodation during the year.

Applicants with:-	0	1	2	3	4 or more children
Total	170	90	57	14	10
Percentage of total	49.8 %	26.4 %	16.7 %	4.2 %	2.9 %

From the table below it will be seen that the requirements for two bedroom dwellings at 76% show a slight decrease, whilst that for three and four bedroom dwellings has increased.

As at 1st January	1964	1965	1966
2 bm: dwellings	79.5%	80.6%	76.2%
3 bm: dwellings	14.2%	13.4%	16.7%
4 bm: dwellings	6.3%	6.0%	7.1%

The outstanding demand is still from applicants who could be housed in two bedroom dwellings; couples and those with one child or dependent are considered suitable size "units". The number of applicants with two or more children is 23% of total. There is some indication that three bedroom dwellings are a popular size for most families.

The outstanding shortage of accommodation has been for elderly persons requiring one or two bedroom accommodation, particularly in the town area, as the more hilly parts of Penparcau are considered to be difficult by many elderly persons.

Due to the changing pattern of employment many people stay in the town for relatively short periods, even in the higher income groups, and a constant demand remains for letting accommodation. One, two and three bedroom dwellings are urgently needed by University staff, Civil Service, employees of National undertakings, Local Government, and other occupations. Young newly married couples and married students have special needs for small accommodation requiring little furniture.

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PESTS ACT, 1949

Rats and Mice

	Owned by Local Authority (Non-domestic)	Dwelling houses (Local Authority and Private)	Other premises (Business and Industrial)	TOTAL
Number of premises	12	2,902	1,027	3,941
Inspected as the result of :-				
(a) Notification	12	80	20	112
(b) Survey under Act	10	279	51	340
(c) Otherwise	-	-	-	-

PESTS ACT, 1949 (continued)

	Owned by Local Authority (Non-domestic)	Dwelling houses (Local Authority and Private)	Other premises (Business and Industrial)	TOTAL
Total inspections & re-inspections	136	735	178	1,049
Infested by rats	12	52	12	76
Infested by mice	-	28	8	36
Total treatments and re-treatments	126	456	127	709

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The table above includes the result of 10 block inspections which have covered a considerable part of the town in addition to the routine complaint and infestation work.

The sewers were treated once during the year and each manhole was inspected, pre-baited and poisoned. There does not appear to be any major sewer or surface infestation in the Borough, but there is still evidence of minor infestations, more particularly in the older parts of the town. It would appear that the constat work in this respect is responsible for the reasonably satisfactory condition.

There are 380 manholes known to exist and a record is kept in respect of each one.

Infestation complaints number 112, 76 regarding rats and 36 regarding mice. Each complaint was followed by action to secure abatement.

Disinfestation - Vermin

Treatment was carried out in 12 business and domestic premises for infestation by fleas, beetles and ants. Charges were made and advice was given where necessary.

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DISINFECTION

A disinfection was carried out in one case for infectious disease. The steam disinfectors owned by the Council is sited in the Council Yard. Equipment is available for use in an emergency.

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HEALTH CONFERENCE, ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Blackpool, 14th - 17th September 1965

The Chief Public Health Inspector attended as your representative.

Following the official welcome by the Mayor of Blackpool, the undermentioned papers were presented and discussed.

"Public Health and Redevelopment" by G. A. Hiller
"A Review of the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963" by T. H. C. Bartrop
"The Pollution of Rivers, Harbours and Beaches" by Dr. J. McCoy
"Solid Smokeless Fuels in the Implementation of Clean Air"
by W. J. S. McKinnell
"Clean Air - The Rose of the Gas Industry" by Spencer F. Moppett
and Fenton F. Robb.
"Electricity and Clean Air" by H. E. Smith
"Canned Food and Public Safety" by Dr. J. W. Howie
"The Public Health Inspector in Industry " by J. Bailey
"The Housing Shortage - A Problem for Solving" by B. D. Allen
"Public Health and the Changing Environment" by Dr. D. T. Lewis

From the foregoing it will be gathered that a wide range of interest was covered and your delegate was very grateful for the opportunity afforded.

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I hope the foregoing has proved of interest, and this concludes my report for the year 1965.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

O. R. N. HOSKINS
Chief Public Health Inspector

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937-1961

Part I of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	29	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	56	35	1	-

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	1	-	1	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floor (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	1	1	-

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork - Nil

